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Sri T. Anantha Pai :—" Sir, in view of the fact that schools are not business propositions, will the Government consider the question of not pressing on the management of aided schools to bear additional expenditure on this account? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. Krishna Rao :—" Sir, this order asking aided schools to add Rs. 3 as their part of the expenditure is at present kept in abeyance and the matter is being considered by the Government."

11-20 a.m. Sri K. Aranganathan :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that the Managers get the acquittance of the teachers without paying them their pay? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. Krishna Rao :—" I have heard such allegations the other day on the floor of the House and I said the Government would go into the question. One or two instances that came to my knowledge are under investigation."

Sri A. Govindaswamy Nayagar :—" Will the Government arrange to make this payment through the District Educational Officers direct to prevent frauds? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. Krishna Rao :—" As I have already said, the Government are actively considering how to arrange for this payment to the teachers."

Dr. K. B. Menon :—" Did the Government take any action against the Managers of aided elementary schools when they threatened to close down the schools when the Government asked them to pay an additional Rs. 3 to their teachers? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. Krishna Rao :—" The Government at that time considered two alternative methods. One was withdrawal of recognition. The other was withholding part of the teaching grant and giving it to the teachers. But in view of the very difficult situation that arose when the Managers threatened to close down the schools, the previous Government held this order under abeyance. The whole matter is being reconsidered now."

Abolition of Food Production Committees.

* 225 *Q.*—Sri E. K. Sankara Varma Raja: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government propose to abolish the Food Production Committees in all the districts in view of the abolition of Food Controls?

The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam :—" There is no such proposal."

Sri S. C. C. Anthony Pillai :—" Are the Government aware that in the City of Madras a great deal of hardship is caused to the people who have lost their ration cards and may I know what steps the Government propose to take? "

The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam :—" The hon. Member is completely on the wrong track; this question does not relate to that at all."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—' As a result of abolition of food controls, what is the total number of Government employees thrown out of employment and what steps are taken by the Government to provide them with alternative employment? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member can put a separate question."

SRI E. K. SANKARA VARMA RAJA :—" I have found that in the meetings of the Food Advisory Committees there is nothing but reading of some statistics by the officers of the Government and they are not at all beneficial to the people. I would request the Government to abolish such committees."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am thankful for the suggestion made by the hon. Member."

Transfer of headquarters of the Deputy Collector, Rajampet.

* 226 Q.—SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to transfer the headquarters of the Deputy Collector from Rajampet to Cuddapah ; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for it?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) No.

" (b) Does not arise."

Panchayats to function as village courts.

* 227 Q.—SRI K. V. RAMESAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state when the Government propose to notify dates under the Panchayat Act of 1950 so as to enable the Panchayat Boards to function as village courts?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Under section 132 of the Madras Village Panchayats Act, 1950, any village court functioning within the jurisdiction of a panchayat, ceases to function from the 1st April 1951, the date of introduction of the Madras Village Panchayats Act, 1950 and its work and duties have devolved on and powers vested in the panchayat. The question of notifying panchayats to function as Village Courts does not therefore arise."

SRI B. SANKARAYYA :—" ఇప్పుడు వున్నటువంటి పంచాయతీ బోర్డుల ఎన్నికలు జరిగి పుష్కరంపైగా దాటిపోయినది. ఇట్టి బోర్డులు ప్రజాప్రాతినిధ్యాన్ని కోలుపోయినవని ప్రజలు భావిస్తున్నారు. కనుక, వీటి ఎన్నికల గురించి ప్రభుత్వం వారు ఏమైనా ఆలోచిస్తున్నారా? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" పంచాయితీలకన్నింటికిని క్రొత్తగా elections జరిపిస్తున్నామండి."